

Turkey Run Nature Center

Tuesday, August 1
OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – Come to the Nature Center to put out a banquet for the birds & squirrels, and then watch to see who comes for breakfast.
10:30am Reptiles! – Meet local snakes and turtles during a 45-minute hands-on program at the Nature Center, and earn a badge when you Pledge To Protect.
2pm Planetarium Star Show – Discover how easy it is to find the ancient constellations during a 40-min. interactive program. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

Wednesday, August 2
OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See above listing.
10:30am History Hike! – Meet at the Nature Center for a 1-hour rugged hike to discover the history of Turkey Run State Park.
2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.
Reservations Recommended. Must be seated by 2 pm.

Thursday, August 3
OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See above listing.
2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.
Reservations Recommended. Must be seated by 2 pm.

Friday, August 4
OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See above listing.
10-11:30am Furs & Skulls – Let your eyes view the differences among animals from various Turkey Run habitats near the 70 Steps.
11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.
2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.
Reservations Recommended. Must be seated by 2 pm.
7:30pm Bottle Rockets – Gather near the campground gatehouse bathhouse to launch homemade rockets 30 feet in the air! 1 hour activity, rain or shine.

Park Patch Program
Come to the Nature Center to find out how to earn these free patches!
SMOKEY’S FRIEND JUNIOR NATURALIST
HOOSIER ECOLOGIST

Programs are designed to entertain & enrich people of all ages. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Festival of Birds

Saturday, August 5
OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

7am Bird Hike – Calling all early birds to the Nature Center front porch for this easy 1-hour hike with Indiana renowned birder Alan Bruner. Don’t miss this opportunity to spend time in the field with a pro!
9:30am Bird Banquet – Be at the Nature Center to lay out a real banquet for the birds, then watch through the viewing window as they enjoy your offerings. 30-minute activity.
10am Planetarium – Enjoy a 40-minute tour of this evening’s stars in the Nature Center Planetarium. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 10am.
11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.
11am How To Know Birds By Their Songs – Come to the Nature Center to discover how to recognize, by their voices, several birds you may hear around the park. 40-minute program.
12-4pm Bird Bonanza – Flock down the hill behind the Nature Center to have some fun, bird style! Get banded, make some crafts, win prizes, & discover intriguing facts about our feathered friends. A \$1/person fee will help cover materials.
7:30pm Birds of Prey – Bring blankets and chairs to the Inn lawn to meet raptor expert Mark Booth and his LIVE hawks and owls!!! 1-hour program.

Sunday, August 6
OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See previous listing.
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11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.
2pm Planetarium Star Show – Discover how easy it is to find the ancient constellations during a 40-min. interactive program. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

Monday, August 7
OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See above listing.
11am Nature Journals – Meet at the Nature Center for a 1-hour make & take program Create a beautiful journal & discover why keeping journals is important.
2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.
Reservations Recommended. Must be seated by 2 pm.

Tuesday, August 8

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9:30am Feed The Birds – Come to the Nature Center to put out a banquet for the birds & squirrels, and then watch to see who comes for breakfast.

10:30am Reptiles! – Meet and greet local snakes and turtles during a 45-minute hands-on program at the Nature Center, and earn a badge when you Pledge To Protect.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Let a naturalist show you around the mid-summer night sky. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

Wednesday, August 9

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10am The Beautiful Canyons of Turkey Run – Meet at the Nature Center for a 45-minute moderate hike to learn how the canyons were formed.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

Thursday, August 10

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See above listing.

10am Recycled Birdfeeders – Make a feeder your birds will love in a 45-min. program. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. Must be seated by 2 p.m.

Friday, August 11

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See above listing.

10:30am-12pm The Roving Naturalist – Look for the naturalist while hiking the trails to see what cool stuff is in the Mystery Bucket of Nature.

11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

5:30-7pm Bottle Rockets – Gather near the campground gatehouse bathhouse to launch homemade rockets 30 feet into the air! Rain or Shine.

Saturday, August 12

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See above listing.

10:30am Fun With Soda Straws! – Come to the Nature Center auditorium to enjoy a 30-minute program. You may be amazed at what you can do with straws as you create things to take back home.

11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45pm to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

7pm Giant Bubbles- Meet at the campgrounds gatehouse bathhouse to make bubbles as big as cows using stuff you have at home. 1-hour program

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Sunday, August 13

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10-11am Feel A Fur- Let your fingers feel the differences among animals from various Turkey Run habitats & win a prize. Nature Center Information Desk.

11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

Monday, August 14

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10am Wacky Water Finds – Meet in front of the Nature Center to explore nature with a naturalist on this 1-hour moderate discovery hike. Feet will get wet!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

Tuesday, August 15

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See above listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

Wednesday, August 16

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See above listing.

10-11am Feel a Fur – Meet near the top of the 70 steps to discover how well your fingers “see” & win a prize.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above listing. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

Thursday, August 17

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See above listing.

10am Reptiles! – Meet and greet local snakes & turtles during a 45-min. hands-on program at the Nature Center, & earn a badge when you Pledge To Protect.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above listing. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

7pm Meet The Friends – Would you like to get involved with the parks? Gather in the Inn to see what our support organization, The Friends of Turkey Run and Shades, is up to these days. Join a committee, find out how to attend one of their many programs, or just make some new friends!

Park Patch Program
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Friday, August 18

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – Come to the Nature Center to put out a banquet for the birds & squirrels, and then watch to see who comes for breakfast.

10am Make A Track – Cast a wild animal track in plaster during a 30-min. program at the Nature Center.

11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Discover how easy it is to find the ancient constellations during a 40-min. interactive program. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

5:30-7pm The Roving Naturalist – Look for the naturalist in the campgrounds to see what cool stuff is in the Mystery Bucket of Nature.

Saturday, August 19

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9:30am Feed The Birds – See above listing.

11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above listing. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

7:30pm Leave No Trace – Join special guest Bill Houk to discover 7 ways to “Leave No Trace,” from your backyard to the backcountry. Get more in tune with nature during this 1-hour presentation. Nature Center.

Sunday, August 20

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2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

Monday-Thursday, August 21-24

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See above listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

Friday, August 25

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above listing. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

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Saturday, August 26

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10am Fossil Hike – Discover how rocks can talk to you during this moderate 1-hour hike. Meet on the Nature Center front porch.

10am Wildflower Workshop – Discover how easy it is to use the Newcomb's Wildflower guide during a 3-hour workshop at the Nature Center. Pre-registration is required & can be made at the Nature Center front desk or by calling 765-597-2654. \$10 fee/person plus an additional \$15 for the field guide if you don't already own one.

11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

7:30pm Bottle Rockets! – Gather near the campground gatehouse bathhouse to launch homemade rockets 30 feet in the air! Rain or Shine. 1 hour.

Sunday, August 27

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above listing. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm

Monday-Thursday, August 28-31

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2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. *Reservations Recommended.* Must be seated by 2 pm.

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2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above listing. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

5:30-7pm The Roving Naturalist – Look for the naturalist in the campgrounds to see what cool stuff is in the Mystery Bucket of Nature.

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Labor Day Week-end

Saturday, September 2

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – Come to the Nature Center to put out a banquet for the birds & squirrels, and then watch to see who comes for breakfast.

10am Feel A Fur- Let your fingers feel the differences among animals from various Turkey Run habitats & win a prize. A 30-minute program at the Nature Center.

11am Lusk Home & Garden Tour – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 10:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Discover how easy it is to find the ancient constellations during a 40-min. interactive program. Reservations recommended. Must be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

3pm Lusk Home & Garden Tour – Meet in the basement of this 1841 brick mansion for a 1-hour guided tour. Cellar doors open at 2:45am to give you time to enjoy the cellar exhibits.

7:30pm The Wonders of Weather – Gather at the Campground bathhouse lawn to unravel the secrets of weather and make a weather instrument to take home. 1-hour program.

Archaeology Day

Sunday, September 3

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Bird Banquet – Meet at the Nature Center to help us feed these descendants of the dinosaurs!

10am-4pm Caveman Capers – Gather in front of the nature center to experience the life of pre-historic man. Dust off those point and arrowhead collections – state archaeologists will be on hand to identify them for you. Learn spear throwing with an atlatl, discover the language of petroglyphs through face painting, take part in a mock dig, learn fire starting, basket making and flint knapping, and much, much more.

7:30pm Bodies, Fur & Skin – Only man can survive no matter what his environment. Discover how other mammals are designed to fit their lifestyles during this 40-minute program. Gather on the lawn near the Campground bathhouse.

Monday, September 4

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2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above listing. Reservations recommended. Must be seated by 2pm.

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